



School Nutrition Update

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Independent/Second Review of Applications Report

In the 2017-2018 School Year, all School Food Authorities (SFAs) processing Free and Reduced Price School Meal Household Applications were required to conduct a Second Review of Applications. If your district or school is 100% Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), you are not required to complete this report.

The USDA required this year's reporting period spans from the start date of processing the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Household Applications in the 2017-2018 School Year through October 31, 2017. However, the SFA must continue to document any discrepancies on the NC tool, Documentation of Change as a result of Second Review of Applications (see attached) for the entire school year. Should you have questions on completing the forms, please contact your Zone Consultant or Jacquelyn McGowan, Compliance Officer.

Form	Due Date	Submit to:
FNS-874 Local Education Agency Second Review of Applications Template (SY 2017-2018)	Thursday February 15, 2018	Please email the completed form to Jacquelyn McGowan at Jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov
Documentation of Change as a result of Independent/Second Review of Applications form	N/A - Provide Upon Request by State Agency	Maintain on file in the SFA.

Time to Check Your Information....

School Nutrition Administrators, this is your opportunity to review and update your contact information for School Nutrition Services. The School Food Authority (SFA) contact lists that we share with all who want NC's Contact information are downloaded from the School Nutrition Technology System. We want your information to be current when it is requested, so take a moment to check your name/listing, and make modifications as needed in the School Nutrition Technology System. You may quickly check the information that we have for you at the appropriate links below. **NOTE: Please DO NOT attempt to edit the pdf documents at the link below and email them to us. Any modifications must be made in the School Nutrition Technology System to become effective.**

- [Traditional Public Schools](#)
- [Charter Schools](#)
- [Residential Child Care Facilities](#)
- [Nonpublic Schools](#)

2018 No Kid Hungry NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference

The NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference, presented by No Kid Hungry NC, is a time for collaborating, rewarding successes, and exploring how to create a brighter future for North Carolina's children.

When: Thursday, February 15, 2017, 8 am - 4 pm

Where: UNC Friday Center for Continuing Education,
100 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Parking: Available for attendees at the Friday Center

Fees: \$40 (includes meals, materials, and parking)

Registration: <http://nokidhungrync.org/conference2018/>

Additional information about the conference is available at:

<http://mailchi.mp/unc/register-today-for-the-thursday-feb-15-nc-child-hunger-leaders-conference-in-chapel-hill-615697?e=7da2fa0a81>

and at:

<http://mailchi.mp/unc/share-your-spark-at-the-2018-nc-child-hunger-leaders-conference-615681?e=7da2fa0a81>

Have Questions? Please contact Tamara Baker at tamarabaker@unc.edu.

NC Jr. Chef Competition Seeks Student Created Recipes for School Meals

The NC Jr. Chef Competition (NCJCC) will recognize students for their ability to work as members of a team to demonstrate valuable skills in recipe development, food preparation, marketing, public presentation, organization, and local food systems. The NCJCC consists of two parts: 1) a recipe contest and 2) cook-off. Student teams must develop a recipe for a school lunch entrée that meets the guidelines to submit for the NCJCC recipe contest. During the NCJCC cook-off, finalist teams must prepare, cook and plate their recipe and present two (2) plates of their prepared recipe to judges. Student teams are encouraged to work with their FACS teachers/FCCLA advisers and local School Nutrition Programs to develop creative entrée recipes for school lunch that meet the National School Lunch Program meal pattern and nutrition standards, include at least 1 USDA Foods item and 2 North Carolina grown products, and are replicable by School Nutrition professionals.

Why host a NC Jr. Chef Competition?

The NCJCC hopes to inspire the next generation of culinary professionals, stimulate interest in locally

produced agriculture, increase participation in School Nutrition Programs, and encourage healthy eating habits.

Who can participate?

Teams of 2-4 high school students (grades 10-12) currently enrolled in NC Career and Technical Education Food, Nutrition, and Culinary Arts courses can participate in the NCJCC.

When are important dates? What are next steps?

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| Today | Review the NCJCC guidelines and plan to participate. |
| January 24 | 4:30 pm - Participate in a webinar to learn more. Register to receive the webinar connection info. The webinar will be recorded and made available.
Webinar link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5128384303862915842 |
| January 31 | Submit Intent to Compete form for your team if interested in participating. |
| February 28 | Submit a completed Application (including Recipe), Photo of the Entrée, and Parental Permission and Release forms for each team member to FACSEducation@dpi.nc.gov . |
| March 2 | Look for a notification by email to see if your team has been selected as a finalist. |
| April 9 | If you are one of the 8 finalist teams, you will participate in a cook-off in Greensboro. The winning team will be announced during the opening session of the NC FCCLA Annual Conference. |
| May 9-10 | The North Carolina Jr. Chef Competition winning team advances to compete in the Southeast Jr. Chef Competition at Sullivan University in Kentucky |

2018 NC Summer Nutrition Promotion/Marketing Contest

NCDPI, School Nutrition Services has launched the Summer Nutrition Programs Promotional Materials CONTEST for KIDS! We need more middle and high school students involved in and these programs! Will you help spread the word by making sure your middle/ high school students, teachers and principals are aware of the contest? We are asking middle and high school students to help design **promotional content such as music, a theme song, jingle, rap, dance, skit, PSAs or other animated creation** to get the word out across the state to children and teens about the N.C. Summer Nutrition Programs! Make sure your schools are represented.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details, including deadlines, about the N.C. Summer Nutrition Programs Promotional Materials Contest Rules. Contact [Cynthia Ervin](#) with questions.

Required Annual Continuing Education (RACE) for Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Sponsors

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, School Nutrition Services is excited to announce the 2018 Seamless Summer Option Program RACE webinars for all new and returning SSO School Food Authorities. The webinar will provide an overview of program requirements and will equip SFAs for effective and compliant SSO operations. Time will be allotted to address questions. This is required for all SFAs interested in administering the SSO.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for SSO Required Annual Continuing Education on April 20, 2018 (2:00 PM EDT).

The webinar will be recorded and posted on the website for future reference.

New Online Continuing Education Component for the Summer Food Service Program

Summer Nutrition has launched a new online component of its Required Annual Continuing Education (RACE) for Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors. “RACE Online” will accompany the one-day “RACE Live” events that will happen in-person across the state in April. RACE Online is mandatory and RACE Live is an optional component of the North Carolina Summer Food Service Program training in 2018.



RACE Online is comprised of ten modules covering all essential topics of the Summer Food Service Program. These modules can be found in the

Download Forms section of the Schools Nutrition Technology System.

RACE Online must be completed in order to receive an invitation to register for RACE Live. A webinar introducing RACE Online was held on January 5th. A recording of the webinar can be viewed at:

<https://vimeo.com/250896995>



Mark Your Calendar! RACE Live is coming in April:

- **April 19, 2018** - Raleigh, NC; School Food Authorities only
- **April 26, 2018** - Hickory, NC; School Food Authorities only

Continuing Education & Professional Development

- **February 2018 Zone Policy Updates**

The February Policy Update for School Nutrition Administrators is approaching. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) for the session of your choice. Timely registration is especially important so consultants and specialists can coordinate the arrangements for the Team Up work groups and to ensure efficient arrangement of room set up and adequate lunches.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Policy Update Schedule and the Tentative Topics.

Lunch will be provided for those registering in advance; however, participants are responsible for all additional travel, meals, snacks, coffee, and other beverages.

- **Action for Healthy Kids Grants available February 5!**

Schools need resources to implement health and wellness practices so students eat better and are physically active. School Grants for Healthy Kids can help school health teams achieve goals to make every kid healthy and ready to learn.

- **School Breakfast Grants**

Thanks to our school breakfast grants, schools have served more than 44 million new school breakfasts since 2009. Action for Healthy Kids provides School Breakfast Grants to increase school breakfast participation by implementing alternative breakfast models like Breakfast in the Classroom, Grab and Go or other innovative models.

- **Game On Grants**

Thanks to our Game On grants, schools have increased physical activity and nutrition opportunities for schools across the country.

School Breakfast Grants and Game On Grants for the 2018-2019 school year open on Monday, February 5, 2018. For more information check the [Action for Healthy Kids](#) website.

- **School Nutrition Professional Development Opportunities**

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's School Nutrition Administrator Leadership Academy was established to grow self-confident and high achieving School Nutrition Administrators in a nurturing teaching environment which encourages collaboration and continuous professional development.

The Leadership Academy provides on-going continuing education in areas critical to the administration and operation of high quality School Nutrition Programs. The courses and workshops include subject areas such as Food Production and Operations Management, Food Safety, Leadership Development, Marketing, New Administrator Orientation, Nutrition, Procurement, Program Accountability and Resource/Financial Management.

Courses are planned for a variety of topics each year and will be offered on a rotating schedule with many subject areas being explored in greater depth in subsequent workshops. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the professional development opportunities available through June 2018.

- **NC K-12 Culinary Institute Workshop for School Nutrition Administrators and Supervisors**

As part of the planned K-12 Culinary Workshops for 2018, two sessions for SN Administrators have been scheduled which will allow administrators, supervisors, and menu planners working at the central office level of the School Food Authority (SFA) the opportunity to participate in food preparation techniques being taught to managers and training managers during Summer 2018. *Please Note* These sessions are NOT for training managers or school level managers. [CLICK HERE](#) for additional information and registration information.

- **New Handwashing Sign Available**

The North Carolina Department of Health Food Protection Branch has released a new Handwashing Sign to post at handwashing sinks in Food Establishments. The new sign contains both English and Spanish instructions and is available to download from the Forms page on the [Environmental Health](#) website.

Use of the new sign is encouraged; however, you may continue to use the old versions of the sign unless instructed otherwise by the Registered Environmental Health Inspector.

- **Is your McKimmon Center Student Profile Up to Date?**

Many courses and workshops we offer are coordinated through the *North Carolina State University McKimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education*. You must set up a profile containing a user name and password to register for one of our School Nutrition Leadership Academy courses. Your profile contains important organizational and contact information used to communicate with you. Many folks change positions or move to another SFA and forget to update their student profile and may be missing important course communications such as confirmations after registration, course information sent to registrants, or follow up information sent after the course is completed. **Please [CLICK HERE](#) to log on to your student account and click “My Profile” on the left side of the screen to review and update your student information.**

In addition, you may use the “My Account History” to review your past course completions if you need the information to update your professional development logs for the School Nutrition Program.

- **Golden Key Achievement Awards Reminder**

The Golden Key Achievement Award program is a set of criteria designed to recognize the great school meal accomplishments in a single school. This award includes recognition for activities that complement current program regulations and best practices. The purpose of the award is to promote benchmarks of excellence across North Carolina and to honor School Nutrition programs maintaining high standards. Participation in this award fosters ongoing professional development and improvement in the school nutrition environment and aligns with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) professional development learning codes.

All entries must be submitted to the School Nutrition Section office in Raleigh by close of business on April 30, 2018. [CLICK HERE](#) for information about the award and how to submit entries is found at:

Mark Your Calendar

January 2018

Jan 30- Feb 1 New SN Administrator Orientation (Greenville)

February 2018

Feb 1 Deadline to complete On-site Reviews (LEAs)

Feb 7-9 Procurement University (Greenville)

Feb 10 Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement for NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSP (for Jan 2017)

Feb 15 *Deadline to submit FFVP claim for reimbursement (for Jan 2017)

Feb 15 7th Annual NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference (Friday Center, Chapel Hill)

Feb 15 Deadline to submit Second Review of Applications form (FNS-874) to Jacquelyn McGowan

Feb 20 Zone 2 Policy Update (Clemmons)

Feb 20 Zone 6 Policy Update (Williamston)

Feb 21 Zone 4 Policy Update for Charters, Nonpublic, RCCIs (Raleigh)

Feb 22 Zone 3 Policy Update (Concord)

- Feb 22 Zone 4 Policy Update for LEAs (Raleigh)
- Feb 22 Zone 5 Policy Update (Whispering Pines)
- Feb 22 Zone 7 Policy Update (New Bern)
- Feb 23 Zone 1 Policy Update (Asheville)

**Anytime a deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday the actual deadline is extended to the next business day.*

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 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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